

REPORT TO HOLD NEBRASKAN WAS HIT BY TORPEDO

Three Authorities Refuse to Discuss Case, Although Correspondent Claims He Has Authority For Statement.

By Hayden Talbot.
LIVERPOOL, May 29.—At an early hour this morning I learn from an authoritative source that the report on the Nebraska incident to be sent to Washington signed by Consul Gen. Lee Washington, Naval Constructor McBride and Lieut. Towers will state unequivocally that the ship was torpedoed.

None of these three men would say a word on the subject when I questioned them regarding the results of their investigations, but I am able to state positively that they received from Capt. Green and the five officers and every member of the crew the unanimous declaration that the Nebraska was torpedoed and not mined.

At midnight no one was still busy drawing off the water from the Nebraska's hold, but such good progress had been made that the vessel is only five feet down at the bow from the normal water line. The whole crew who are Americans throughout are standing by working like trojans. It is hoped to dry dock her today if room can be found.

WASHINGTON, May 29.—The expectation that official reports on the attack on the Nebraska would be received in time for discussion by the cabinet Friday was not realized.

It was announced that the absence of pressing matters for cabinet discussion and a slight indisposition of the president made a meeting of the cabinet unnecessary.

Secy Bryan said that partial reports on the Nebraska had been received from several sources, but that the state department was not in possession of sufficient information to enable it to make a statement. His attention was called to the reports that Ambassador Page had obtained statements from Capt. Green of the Nebraska, and that naval experts and others had been instructed to examine the physical condition of the vessel.

He said that no conclusive reports of any kind had reached the department.

Mr. Bryan was not able to say whether the information to be gathered by Ambassador Page, Consul Skinner and Consul Gen. Washington at Liverpool will be transmitted to the department by mail or by cable.

Officials who would not state that they realize the great gravity of the issues involved in the Nebraska incident. They are confident that if the examination proves beyond a reasonable doubt that the Nebraska was torpedoed, a swift and sharp communication will be sent to Germany.

The opinion is that as the president has stated in general terms the attitude of the administration toward submarine warfare and has practically demanded its cessation, the next communication to Germany must make a specific demand on the facts in the Nebraska case. A period of intense anxiety therefore exists in Washington.

Should the official reports of the United States investigators at Liverpool declare the injury to the Nebraska was caused by a floating mine, cut adrift, whether English or German, the Nebraska case will be classed with those of the Carib and Evelyn and must be treated diplomatically.

GETS CONTRACT.
NE WYOMING, May 29.—The American Locomotive Co. has received a contract from the Chesapeake and Ohio railway for 24 locomotives.

THE OLD DR. PARTIDGE
Homestead Now Being Platted Into City Lots.

Many of the older residents of South Bend will be interested in the transformation of the old homestead of Dr. Partidge into city lots.

For 30 years this beautiful farm was the pride of the late Dr. Partidge and notwithstanding the fact that the city has long since grown up all around this valuable tract it remained intact until the demand became so strong that the present owners were compelled to move it into city lots and the once beautiful tract of land will soon be transformed into many comfortable homes.

This tract of land lies right along South Michigan st., which has just recently been widened by the city. It is a part of the Dixie highway which will be a world famed road running between the Gulf of the south and the lakes of the north.

No other tract of land in South Bend is so ideally located for homes.

No other tract offers such splendid opportunities for investors.

The advantageous environments of this location are so numerous that only those who live in this locality can thoroughly appreciate them. Near enough to the larger factories to make them easily accessible and far enough away to be free from the dirt and smoke. The high class residences around it establishes its present value and the strict building restrictions guarantees its future. For instance: Every house must be built at least 20 feet from the sidewalk.

A 15 minutes car service is already in operation. The Bowman creek sewer is laid and paid for, in fact all of the city's conveniences are now available. There is no waiting, no depending on promises. Seiberger's South Michigan Street addition, as this plat has been named, has all of the advantages of a city lot.

An interesting fact about this tract is the few times the title has been changed since it was owned by the government. Its title is perfect and buyers will never fear of trouble arising about their title being questioned. These lots have been priced to correspond with values today not what they will be several years from now. They have never been sold or traded about by speculators. You are buying virgin land. Land that is so situated that its future is not a matter of speculation but that value is as solid as gold bonds. This addition will be opened Sunday, May 30. There will be salesmen on the ground at 9 a. m. under the direction of Mr. J. Seiberger, the present owner. There will also be salesmen on the ground Monday, Decoration Day.

ITALY TAKES FOUR CITIES; GAINS FOUR MILES



ITALIAN FORCES KEEP UP ADVANCE

Mouth of Isonzo River is Practically in Their Possession—Outbreaks of Mob Violence Reported From Trieste.

ROME, May 29.—The mouth of the Isonzo, long coveted by Italy as a concession from Austria as the Italian boundary and one of the prizes of the Italian-Austrian phase of the European conflict, is practically in the possession of King Victor's forces. By the occupation of Grado, not only do the Italians dominate the Isonzo river mouth, but they have advanced by a huge stride toward the possession of the Panzano gulf, directly to the mastery over the railway communications between Trieste and Montefalcone.

Meanwhile rapid advance has been made in the occupation by Gen. Cardona's forces of the most important Alpine points. Three of the most important mountain passes have been taken. They are the Guidaire chain of the Lessini, the Sogana valley and the Carnic Alps. Besides Grado, on the eastern front, 14 other villages have been taken.

Although the Italo-German diplomatic relations have been broken off, war has not yet been declared. So far the presence of Germans on the Italo-Austrian frontier has not been confirmed.

The triumphant march of the Italian armies upon Trieste has caused an outbreak of mob violence of serious proportions in that Austrian port. Riots have become so serious that the Italian columns shall take possession of the city. Many Italians are reported to have been beaten and clubbed and their houses and shops sacked.

POPE ELECTED PRESIDENT

Hartford, Conn., Man Heads Manufacturers' Association.

NEW YORK, May 29.—George Pope, head of the Pope Manufacturing company of Hartford, Conn., was elected president of the National Association of Manufacturers in Philadelphia. George S. Boudinot was chosen secretary and J. P. Bird, treasurer. Among the members of the board of directors are: K. J. Battelle of Columbus, O.; Charles E. Allen of Atlanta; Isaac W. Frank of Pittsburgh; John Kirby, Jr., of Dayton; F. C. Schwedman of Springfield, Ill.; and John Trix of Detroit.

TOWN STRUCK BY STORM

Salesburg, Ill., Reports a Fifty Mile an Hour Gale.

GALESBURG, Ill., May 29.—Following a week of continued rain, hail and wind storms, this city Friday afternoon suffered one of the severest storms ever felt in this section of the state. Rain in sheets, driven by a 50 mile gale flooded basements, streets, and sewers. Street car traffic and generally tied up business throughout the city was experienced. Trees were uprooted, telephone poles torn down and in some instances small houses blown several blocks. Up to the present time no loss of life has been reported.

RATES TO BE READJUSTED

Indiana Will Be Among the States to Be Affected.

CHICAGO, May 29.—It is reported that the freight rates in Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, Michigan and western Pennsylvania will be thoroughly readjusted within the next two months to a slightly higher basis as the result of the repeal of the ship maximum freight law.

Late News from the Surrounding Towns

BERRIE SPRINGS, MICH.

Mrs. Charles A. Case of Niles visited friends here Thursday.

Mrs. Lottie Heim was a South Bend visitor Thursday.

Fred Brown and Bert Aldrich went to Indianapolis Friday to attend the motorcycle races there on Saturday.

V. H. Church of the Agricultural college at Lansing was a business visitor here Thursday.

Major Murdoch circle held its regular meeting Thursday afternoon. Plans were perfected for the observance of Decoration day on Saturday, May 29.

Charles A. Morton of Moline, Ill., is a week-end visitor at the home of his aunt, Mrs. E. A. Mason.

Alvin Willis and family have been enjoying ripe strawberries from their garden since Saturday last and picked three quarts Thursday. The berries are of the Early Mitchell variety.

Mrs. Mary Ward and R. S. Pennell were married in South Bend Wednesday afternoon.

James Marshall of the Marble and Granite works of St. Joseph was a business visitor here Wednesday.

Grosvenor Tarbell visited his son, Frank Tarbell, in St. Joseph, Thursday.

Mrs. Pearl Snyder returned Friday to her home in Ann Arbor after a ten days' visit at the home of her sister, Mrs. Will Storick.

The Wednesday club enjoyed a nature party at the home of the president of the club, Mrs. Henry Kephart, Wednesday afternoon. A feature of the entertainment provided was the study of leaves and forest trees.

Twenty-one different varieties were on display. After a social hour a delicious two-course luncheon was served, covers being laid for 32.

A number of guests were present, including Mrs. Virginia M. Dix of Detroit and Mrs. S. M. Greening of Chicago.

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Mars have returned from a week's visit with their daughter, Mrs. P. Myers, in Goshen.

The juniors entertained the seniors at a "weenie roast" at Love creek canyon Thursday evening.

Miss Alfred Lord of Sioux City, Ia., is visiting relatives here.

Eight students from the Tuskegee institute, of which Booker T. Washington is principal, will give an entertainment at the Baptist church Saturday evening, May 29. The program will include sketches of the growth of the institute, Negro melodies and dialect readings. A free will offering will be taken.

Miss Edith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William McCurdy of Battle Creek and Lester Pennell, son of Mrs. Maude Pennell, were married in that city Saturday of last week. Mr. Pennell formerly lived in this village.

Gene Michael has secured a patent on a tire holder. He has received the necessary papers giving him the right to manufacture and for protection.

PLYMOUTH, IND.

Miss Irene Kuhn is at home for a short stay.

Miss Edna Bortree left Wednesday for Marion where he will attend a three days' encampment of the G. A. R.

At the home of Rev. S. H. Vazer on Wednesday, May 26, Fred Cramer and Miss Ethel Moore of this city were united in marriage. They will live on a farm just east of Plymouth.

Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Russell left Wednesday for a week or ten days' visit with relatives in Indianapolis.

The Ladies' Parish guild met with Mrs. Frank Lamson, Thursday afternoon.

Mrs. Mary Goodrich of Rochester

is visiting her sister, Mrs. Savilla Clifton.

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Memorial day at Plymouth will be celebrated Monday, May 31.

NILES, MICH.

A large number had left Niles Friday in their cars for Indianapolis to attend the races before the announcement of the postponement was received.

Mr. and Mrs. P. B. Eyleshymer and daughter are in Indianapolis to attend the wedding of Mrs. Eyleshymer's sister, Miss Gertrude McGinniss, to Walter Frunte.

Miss Marie Brunk has been appointed to the position of stenographer in the office of the secretary of state at Lansing and will enter upon her duties June 1.

Mr. and Mrs. Rolle Chapman, residing on the south end of the Beebe ranch, are parents of a daughter, born Friday.

John Gipner is home from Ann Arbor to attend the funeral of his grandmother, Mrs. Christiana Schmitt, which was held today.

Mrs. R. E. Chappell entertained a company of friends Friday afternoon at a thimble party.

Mrs. W. R. Bachman has returned to Detroit after a visit with Mrs. George Sterner. During her visit she was the guest of honor at a dinner given by her hostess.

Sunday afternoon at the tabernacle pupils of the Tuskegee school of which Booker T. Washington is the head, will give a sacred concert.

Miss Leahon of Chicago, who is a guest at the home of her nephew, W. I. Bowron, gave a talk before the Woman's Progressive League Friday.

LAKEVILLE, IND.

The Ladies' Aid of the M. E. church will meet at the home of Mrs. Jasper Wilcoxen, Wednesday afternoon, June 2.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Carbiener, Tuesday, May 25.

Mr. and Mrs. Dr. How spent Tuesday and Wednesday in Indianapolis.

Mr. Cole of South Bend was here on business Tuesday.

Many people from here have gone to Indianapolis to attend the automobile race.

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WALNUT GROVE, IND.

Samuel Stroup of Ridgefield, Pa., is visiting relatives here.

Arthur Stroup is one of the jurors in the superior court this week.

Mrs. Fred Peasenhay called on Mrs. J. W. Lydick, Tuesday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Kring are the parents of a boy.

Mr. Pleasant Ladies' Aid will meet at the home of Mrs. Arthur Robbins on Thursday, June 3.

Mr. and Mrs. Granville Seeke and Mrs. Nettie Matthews and family were guests at the rough home Sunday.

WAKARUSA, IND.

Miss Gladys Lop of Nappanee visited Miss Lucy Miller this week.

Mr. and Mrs. George Culp visited their son John at Lakeville, Monday.

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GRANGER, IND.

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S. C. Rinehart visited his sister, Mrs. John Keegan, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Remley and wife spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Guy Ammerman in Niles.

Schuyler Krumanaker and family of Mishawaka spent Sunday with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. Krumanaker. Mr. Krumanaker, who has been quite sick is some better.

William Worrell of Elkhart spent a few days with his father, Shreve Worrell and family.

Mr. Marshall and family were at Barron lake Sunday.

Commencement exercises Saturday evening were well attended. Grant

is visiting her aunt, Mrs. Marvin Moon.

Wilmer Massey is ill with scarlet fever.

Miss Zora Annis spent Thursday in South Bend.

Miss Edith Massey visited Mr. and Mrs. Martin Row, Thursday.

Mrs. Ella Heston is visiting Sally Wively.

John Olinger has purchased a new Ford.

Mrs. Lawrence Tam of Chicago, Ill., is here visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Osborn.

Marvin Moon was in Wyatt, Thursday.

Chester Harrington of Wakarusa was here on business Thursday.

Mr. Teegarden of the International Harvester Co. was here on business Wednesday and Thursday.

PLEASANT VALLEY, IND.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Eger and Mr. and Mrs. James Souley and family of Willow Creek were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Harrison.

Mr. and Mrs. John C. Eger and family of Elkhart county visited Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Smith, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harris and son of Elkhart and Ruben Eger spent Sunday with Mrs. Bliger and daughter.

Mrs. C. A. Marsh spent Tuesday with Mrs. Laura Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. Elkhart spent Monday evening with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Beebler.

Mr. and Mrs. John A. Eger visited Mr. and Mrs. Arla Harker of Simonton lake Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. James Kizer called on Mr. and Mrs. Garrison, Sunday afternoon.

George Clark of Portage Prairie spent Tuesday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Robert Smith.

Burl Leonard and Geraldine Eger were guests of Bernice Smith Thursday.

Mrs. Laura Smith and children spent Wednesday with her mother, Mrs. Leonard and children were in Mishawaka, Tuesday.

SKILLED LABOR IS NOW IN DEMAND

General Trend of Past Week Was Toward Improvement Says Bradstreet's.

NEW YORK, May 29.—Bradstreet's report for Saturday says:

"Cool, wet weather over a wide area has reduced retail trade in seasonable goods, pending international political matters, though not given much prominence, make for caution in financial circles and winter wheat and corn crop reports are not so glowing as heretofore.

"On the other hand, the larger distributors of staple articles seem to be doing quite well; mail order trade is large and manufacturing is more active. Complaints of a scarcity of skilled mechanics are numerous. Business in war materials is rushing. Ship building yards are filled with orders. Railway traffic is heavier. Buying of rails has enlarged.

"The United States stands in a unique position in that it is the only country in the world favored by increased exports. Money is easy, buying of commercial paper is freer and collections are about fair, save in the agricultural south and in the lumber manufacturing parts of the Pacific northwest.

"Cotton and spring wheat crop reports are good and stock market operations, though checked by uncertainty as to Germany's reply to the remonstrance made by our government, displays a fairly steady undertone.

"Reports from most centers agree

Come and See Us

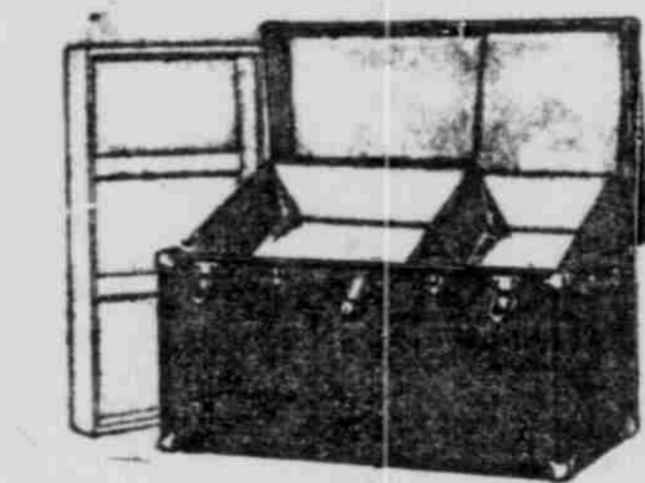
Geo. Wyman and Co.

This Store will Close AT NOON, Decoration Day, Monday

As we will be open till Noon Monday, Decoration Day, all of the End-of-the-Month Sale items will continue at the Special Prices—through Monday morning.

This N. V. P. Dress Trunk at \$11.50

A TRUNK at a popular price that has the strength and wear resisting qualities of many trunks higher priced.



The Dress Trunk at \$11.50

36-Inch square cornered. Two trays and hat compartment. Fabricoid lined. Outer surface finished in dark green, with polished metal hardware. The corners are metal reinforced. An excellent ladies' or gentleman's trunk.

The Dress Trunk at \$12.50

Same as above—only 40-inch length.

The Steamer at \$9.00

36-inch square cornered. Detail same as Dress Trunk—with exception of one tray. 40-inch Steamer—at \$10.00.

The Luggage Shop of South Bend

Editorial

SATURDAY, MAY 29th.

The Dixie Highway

It occurs to us that such arteries of transportation as the "Dixie Highway," the "Lincoln Highway" and the "National Park Highway" are much underestimated by the general public. These highways are in their infancy, and like many other undertakings—their value for the future of a city is not understood.

Hundreds of thousands of automobiles with their passengers will travel over these highways through South Bend. Each passenger will have a "stop-over" and perhaps a "return" ticket. It will add other traffic—bringing many farmers and their products from a much longer distance into South Bend. It will give South Bend a perpetual advertisement of a value as yet understood only by its promoters.

Our Chamber of Commerce has succeeded in their efforts to establish the "Dixie Highway" through our city. It has performed a service of incalculable benefit to South Bend. It is now up to our county to do its share to be in a position to participate in the Federal aid that will come to these National Highways in the future.

It may seem out of place for the above to appear in an advertisement—however, if we would occasionally do something "out of place" in the right direction it might serve a useful purpose.